

Letter of Appeal
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Consider this a letter of appeal related to the decisions contained within the Funding Commitment Letter for Funding Year 7/01/2005-06/30/2006, dated September 15, 2005 from the Universal Administrative Company-Schools and Libraries Division.

Appellants Name: Madawaska School District
Service Provider Name: Verizon
Applicant BEN: 121684
Form 471 Application Number: 471143
Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2005: attached
The Exact Text or the Decision That We Are Appealing: “The 470 did not include service of this type: therefore it does not meet the 28 day competitive bidding requirement.”

A review of Form 470 indicates that in question #9 Internet T3 access is requested. A review of Form 471 FRN 1298198 the service requested in #11 is Internet service. Item # 21 includes the attachment of ATM bill for the 4418 the entity in question. A request for telecommunications reimbursement was also provided. It is our belief that the Form 470 did include the service that we requested in Form 471.

It is my understanding based on communication with Universal Service that because this is a multi-year contact we do not have to submit a Form 470 “until the contact is coming to an end.” Given this the original Form 470 should be the one that is followed.

The 28-day posting period for the competitive bid on the Form 470 is somewhat of a moot point given that the Maine State Library Network with Verizon holds the contact. Given this the contact is already in place and the Form 470 posting requirement

We therefore request that our funding request be reviewed and be approved.

Sincerely yours,

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